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EASO Collaborating Centres for Obesity Management (COMs)

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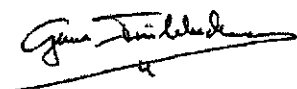
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for submitting an application for your centre to become an EASO accredited Collaborating Centre for Obesity Management (COM).

Under the EASO COM scheme, obesity management centres (including university and public clinics) are accredited against a set of carefully developed criteria and in accordance with accepted European and academic guidelines, with applying centres assessed by the EASO Obesity Management Task Force (OMTF). The OMTF has completed its assessment of your centre and we are pleased to confirm that your application was successful – your centre has thus been granted EASO COM status for the three year period 1st July 2013 to 30 June 2016.

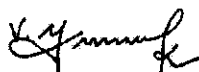
Your centre will therefore be recognised by EASO as a leading obesity management centre in Europe throughout that period. The EASO COM network brings together accredited centres from across Europe and as a member of this network, you (and your centre) will have the opportunity to contribute to a number of important EASO projects. One of the main goals of the COM network is to develop consensus guidelines on a number of management issues, with consensus achieved via the exchange of expertise during specially convened 'COM Summit Meetings'. The first of these meetings will take place in Vienna in November 2013. Future actions will include the development of consensus statements, protocols and guidelines and in due course the development of EU project consortia and clinical trial/pilot study groups, facilitated by EASO.

We look forward to working with you to develop the EASO COM network and its important actions in the coming years.

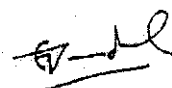
With kind regards
Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the EASO OMTF and Executive Committee